

## **EXECUTIVE ORDER 2000-09**

WHEREAS, the Lignite Research Council was reformulated by Executive Order 1998-01 dated February 2, 1998; and

WHEREAS, the Council was created to establish policies and practices related to lignite research, as well as to coordinate lignite research efforts to make recommendations for funding to appropriate funding sources, and to generally assist in research funding efforts; and

WHEREAS, the lignite industry is critical to the economic well-being of the State of North Dakota, and the discovery of new products and viable alternate uses for lignite will benefit all citizens of the state, as well as those within the lignite industry; and

WHEREAS, legislation has been agreed to, which will provide funds for lignite research, to enable and encourage the participation of private funding sources and federal agencies in those research efforts; and

WHEREAS, the development of North Dakota's lignite resources should proceed in an orderly manner that is beneficial to land owners, miners and processors of lignite and in a way that is responsible to future generations of North Dakotans; and

WHEREAS, members of the Lignite Research Council have recommended that the Council be restructured.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Edward T. Schafer, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of North Dakota, do hereby:

- I. Reestablish a Lignite Research Council, appointed by the Governor, and consisting of 23 members including:
  - A. Four lignite mining representatives;
  - B. Eight lignite processing representatives;
  - C. One lignite research representative;
  - D. Four representatives of state agencies involved in lignite matters;
  - E. One representative of federal agencies involved in lignite matters;
  - F. One representative from the labor community;
  - G. Two representatives from the North Dakota Legislature;

- H. One representative representing lignite ownership; and
  - I. One representative from a political subdivision.
- II. That the Council will meet at least semi-annually and at the request of the Executive Committee for the purposes expressed herein;
- III. The Council shall elect a chairperson, vice-chairperson, and seven of its members to serve as an Executive Committee to act on behalf of the Council between Council meetings. The Executive Committee shall meet at the request of the chairperson.

This order is issued on the basis that the Governor is vested with the Executive authority pursuant to Article V, Section 1 of the North Dakota Constitution, and pursuant to NDCC 54-17.5-02.

Executive Orders 1998-01, 1993-05 and 1992-6 are hereby rescinded.

Executed at Bismarck, North Dakota, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of December 2000.

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EDWARD T. SCHAFER  
Governor

Attest:

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Secretary of State

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Deputy